



BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL NATHAN B. ALHOLINNA

Colonel Nathan B. Alholinna is the Commander of the 114th Fighter Wing, Joe Foss Field, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Colonel Alholinna graduated from Duluth East High School, Duluth, MN in 1984 and received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from University of Minnesota, Duluth in 1989. Receiving his commission through AFROTC, he attended pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Texas and served five years as a T-38 Instructor Pilot at Laughlin. He flew the F-15E at Seymour-Johnson AFB, North Carolina from 1996-1999. In 1999, he left active duty and entered the South Dakota Air National Guard as a traditional guardsman, obtaining a full time position in 2007.

Colonel Alholinna assumed command of the 114th Fighter Wing May 1, 2016. Prior to Wing Commander, he held positions as the 114th Vice Commander, 114th Operations Group Commander, and 175th Fighter Squadron Commander.

Colonel Alholinna is a command and instructor pilot with over 4,300 flying hours. He has over 370 combat hours flying 116 missions in support of Operations SOUTHERN and NORTHERN WATCH and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.



EDUCATION

May 1989	Bachelor of Science, University of Minnesota, Duluth
January 1995	Squadron Officer School
October 2004	Air Command & Staff College
November 2011	Air War College

ASSIGNMENTS

1. November 1989 – November 1990, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Laughlin AFB, Texas
2. November 1990 – June 1991, T-38 Pilot Instructor Training, Randolph AFB, Texas
3. June 1991 – February 1996, T-38 Instructor Pilot, T-38 Flight Commander, Laughlin AFB, Texas
4. February 1996 – September 1999, F-15E Pilot, Chief of Plans, Flight Commander, Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C.
5. September 1999 – November 2008, F-16C Pilot, Flight Commander, Joe Foss Field, S.D.
6. November 2008 – April 2012, Commander 175th Fighter Squadron, Joe Foss Field, S.D.
7. April 2012 – September 2014, Commander 114th Operations Group, Joe Foss Field, S.D.
8. September 2014 – May 2016, Vice Commander, 114th Fighter Wing, Joe Foss Field, S.D.
9. May 2016 – Present, Commander 114th Fighter Wing, Joe Foss Field, S.D.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,300

Aircraft flown: T-38, F-15E, F-16C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Meritorious Unit Award with 2 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 4 oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with 6 devices

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal with 3 stars

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border, 2 oak leaf clusters

Air Force Longevity Service with 6 devices

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 2 'M' devices

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol)

Air Force Training Ribbon

State of South Dakota Distinguished Service Award

State of South Dakota National Guard Service with 1 device

State of South Dakota Distinguished Unit Citation with 1 device

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant, 19 June 1989

First Lieutenant, 19 June 1991

Captain, 19 June 1993

Major, 4 November 2000

Lieutenant Colonel, 4 June 2006

Colonel, 24 May 2012

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